

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stanton and Pridemore present. Commissioner Morris, Chair, absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2382

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2382 – Heavy Duty Utility Vehicle. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2382 be awarded to the lowest bidder. There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to award Bid 2382 to Dan's Tractor, Inc. of Battle Ground, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$15,336.48, including Washington State sales tax and to grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Stanton and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 154)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker #1

Bridget Schwarz, 2110 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield, Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association, requested participation from Clark County staff in a Community Meeting/Forum focusing on the WSU extension to be held on Monday, October 25, 2004 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. PSC Hearing Room. She presented an outline of attendees and key issues that will be discussed.

Pridemore said it was a good idea to meet, although the information has always been there. He added that this is not a driving priority for county government or WSU.

Stanton recommended that Ms. Schwarz ask the appropriate supervisors for permission to utilize the staff people she is requesting. Stanton noted that it was a great way to have a public discussion.

Bill Barron, County Administrator, requested that Ms. Schwarz coordinate with the Board of Commissioners Office in order to select the appropriate staff for participation in the meeting.

Speaker #2

Ron Lasser, 13201 NW 33rd Avenue, Hazel Dell, commented on the idea of having five County Commissioners. He discussed the remarks made the previous week regarding zero

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growth rural area. He stated that he feels there isn't enough representation in the rural area from the County Commissioner's position. He said the problem with having three commissioners is that when two of them talk to each other they form a quorum, which means they have to do it in a public meeting. He said that would make it really tough for them to have conversations with each other about anything regarding business. Mr. Lasser asked if having five county commissioners was a consideration.

Stanton responded that the Public Service Center was built with the expectation of having five commissioners.

Pridemore said he would support that kind of an effort, but didn't think it was appropriate for the current board to deal with the issue although the next board may wish to. *Pridemore* said that according to state law it allows the passage of both of those provisions.

Stanton said she would have to go back and review it. She said they could get to five without actually becoming a home rule county and it would be election by district as opposed to countywide.

Lasser questioned who would need to instigate that.

Pridemore answered that the County Commissioners could put it on the ballot for citizens to vote on or citizens could petition.

Stanton agreed that it might be a better way; it gets all the rational out there. She said that three commissioners are not enough for the size of Clark County, especially after the responsibility they were given for land use decisions – that too has added the need to have better geographic representation from the county.

Lasser said that people in the rural area, where you don't want to have any growth in, probably have a different viewpoint; people want to break their pieces of ground down and sell them.

Pridemore agreed that large part of them do.

Lasser asked Commissioner *Pridemore* if he realized that as restraints are put on urban areas, construction is pushed into the rural areas.

Pridemore said only to the point that there are lots authorized to be created and that was the point of his argument: that they need to stop authorizing the creation of additional rural lots. Property rights are much more complex than simply what happens on a person's property; it is also the effects of a person's property on other properties. That's what the struggle and debate has always been about.

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Stanton confirmed that they saw that clearly in all the discussion about home occupation, and what you could/couldn't do on their property, and there were equally amount of people on both sides.

Brief discussion followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve items 1 through 6. Commissioners Stanton and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 154)

PUBLIC HEARING: CDBG / HOME

Held a public hearing to review the consolidated annual performance and evaluation report for the 2003 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME).

Pete Munroe, Community Development Block Grant, presented.

Stanton asked what the deadline was for public comment.

Munroe responded that it was 5:00 p.m. tonight and if people send something after that time they would incorporate it.

There was no public comment. No action needed.

PUBLIC HEARING: SECTION 30

Held a public hearing to consider development agreements with Section 30 property owners. This hearing was continued from September 7, 2004.

[MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY CINDY HOLLEY, RIDER & ASSOCIATES]

The board adjourned and reconvened as the Board of Health.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

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John Weisman, Clark County Health Department, discussed consent agenda item #1 – Request for the appointment of Dr. Justin Denny as Health Officer. Mr. Weisman provided background on Dr. Denny and the hiring process.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Pridemore to approve consent agenda items 1 through 4. Board Members Stanton and Pridemore voted aye. Motion carried. (See tape 154)

Adjourned

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Betty Sue Morris, Chair

Judie Stanton/s/
Judie Stanton, Commissioner

Craig A. Pridemore/s/
Craig A. Pridemore, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton/s/
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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